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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: VIEWS OF AUSTRIAN
CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH ON AGENDA OF TWENTY-FIRST
SESSION

1. SUMMARY. ON JUNE 8 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HELMAN MET WITH AUSTRIAN AMB. JANKOWITSCH TO
DISCUSS AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE UN
OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED
THE MOON TREATY, GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, DIRECT
BROADCASTING SATELLITES, NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES
IN SPACE, ENLARGEMENT OF THE OUTER SPACE
COMMITTEE AND REMOTE SENSING. END SUMMARY.

2. HELMAN CALLED ON AUSTRIAN AMB. JANKOWITSCH TO
DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC), WHICH IS TO
BEGIN ON JUNE 26. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON
PROSPECTS FOR THE MOON TREATY, JANKOWITSCH SAID
THERE IS "FAIRLY WIDE SUPPORT ON AN AD
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REFERENDUM BASIS." HE NOTED HE HAD BEEN HEARING
"ENCOURAGING NOISES" FROM COUNTRIES AND WAS
CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE INDIANS WOULD BE
PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE TREATY. JANKOWITSCH SAID
THE MOON TREATY WAS BECOMING DISENGAGED FROM ANY
POTENTIAL LAW OF THE SEA PARALLELISM, AND HE WAS
"REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC WE CAN GET THE KIND OF

CONSENSUS WE NEED." HE AGREED WITH HELMAN'S OBSERVATION THAT IT MIGHT BE TOO OPTIMISTIC TO EXPECT A CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS DURING THE UPCOMING OSC BUT THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IS "ON THE HORIZON." IN RESPONSE TO A POINT RAISED BY HELMAN, JANKOWITSCH SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DISCOURAGE THE ADDITION TO THE TREATY OF ANY FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON SPACE POWER FREEDOM OF ACTION.

3. ON THE ISSUE OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, HELMAN RECALLED U.S. OPPOSITION TO A SPECIAL LEGAL REGIME AS WELL AS TO ANY DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE AT THIS TIME. JANKOWITSCH EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING.

4. HELMAN NOTED THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS) HAD NOT CHANGED AND WOULD NOT CHANGE DURING THIS OSC SESSION. HE POINTED TO THE STRONG U.S. BELIEF IN THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION; HE OBSERVED, AS WELL, THAT THE U.S. WOULD COMPLY WITH ITS ITU OBLIGATIONS. HE NOTED THE SOVIET CONCERN OVER "SPILLOVER" AND RECALLED THAT THE U.S. HAS OFFERED A FULL CONSULTATIONS FORMULA BUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CONSIDERED IT INADEQUATE. JANKOWITSCH SAID HE APPRECIATED U.S. SENSITIVITIES ON DBS AND NOTED IT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE DESIRABLE "NOT TO GET HOPES HIGH" AT THIS JUNCTURE.

5. ON COSMOS 954 AND NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE, JANKOWITSCH THOUGHT THE U.S. POSITION REASONABLE AND BELIEVED IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY A "GREAT MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATIONS." JANKOWITSCH CONSIDERED THE KEY ISSUE TO BE ONE OF "SAFEGUARDS." HELMAN EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED ON THE ISSUE AND MIGHT BE WILLING TO MODIFY THEIR POSITION, THOUGH OF COURSE THEY WOULD ACCEPT NO RESTRICTIONS ON LAUNCHING SUCH SATELLITES.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT OF THE OSC, JANKOWITSCH SAID BANGLADESH HAS BEEN THE ONLY NATION STRONGLY WANTING TO JOIN. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW PRIORITY OF BANGLADESH WAS TO JOIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT, IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD NO LONGER PRESS TO JOIN THE OSC. JANKOWITSCH EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ANY FURTHER ENLARGEMENT OF THE OSC AND SUPPORTED

ROTATION. HE SAID THAT A SYSTEM OF ROTATION WOULD AVOID ENLARGING THE COMMITTEE, WOULD ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO GET RID OF MEMBERS WHO NEVER COME OR WHO EXPRESS LITTLE INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDINGS (HE CITED ALBANIA, CHAD, MOROCCO, AND LEBANON AS EXAMPLES), AND WOULD ASSIST CHINA IN JOINING IF IT WISHED. NOTING HE WAS SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HELMAN SAID HE DID NOT THINK ROTATION WOULD BE SUCH A BAD THING, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT, UNLESS PROPERLY HANDLED, ROTATION MIGHT LEAD TO A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE HUMAN

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RIGHTS COMMISSION FROM WHICH FRANCE AND THE U.K. HAVE EACH ON ONE OCCASION BEEN EXCLUDED. JANKOWITSCH SAID HE HAS AN OPEN MIND ON THE MATTER AND WOULD TEST THE THINKING IN THE COMMITTEE. HE WAS UNSURE WHETHER THE QUESTION WOULD BE PRESSED HARD.

7. HELMAN BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON REMOTE SENSING, NOTING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF CONTROLLING REMOTE SENSING DATA ONCE IT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. JANKOWITSCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. VIEWPOINT.
8. HELMAN REFERRED TO SUGGESTIONS THAT THE QUESTION OF A SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE OSC AND EXPLAINED TO JANKOWITSCH THE STRENGTH OF U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE FRENCH

PROPOSAL. JANKOWITSCH GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE ANTICIPATED DETAILED DISCUSSION AT THIS OSC SESSION OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS MIGHT REFER TO IT IN THEIR STATEMENTS.

9. HELMAN STRESSED OUR REGRET THAT JANKOWITSCH
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WILL BE LEAVING HIS POST AS AUSTRIAN AMB TO THE UN. JANKOWITSCH REPLIED HE WOULD BE KEEPING HIS HAND IN SINCE HE WILL BE A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE 1969 UN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. HE SAID, TOO, THAT HIS NEW POST AS AUSTRIAN AMB TO THE OECD WILL KEEP HIM INVOLVED IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WHICH IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF UN ISSUES IN NEW YORK. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS REMAINING ON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OSC. YOUNG

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